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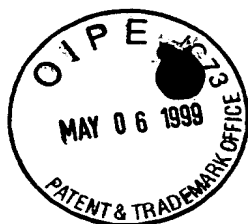
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed February 2, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1, line 1, delete "suitable for use in" and insert therefor --for --.

Claim 13, line 1, delete "suitable for use in" and insert therefor --for --.

Kindly rewrite claims 3 and 13 as follows:

3. (once amended) The article of claim 1, wherein said optical reading chamber contains at least one reagent with which the analyte in the